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## General

Jamaica is an island located in the Caribbean Sea, S of Cuba. The climate is tropical, hot, and humid with a temperate interior.

The terrain is mostly mountains with narrow, discontinuous coastal plains.

## Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

## Currency

The official unit of currency is the Jamaican dollar, consisting of 100 cents.

## Government

Jamaica is a parliamentary democracy. The capital is Kingston.

## Holidays

The following holidays are observed:

Jan. 1, New Year's Day; Ash Wednesday; Good Friday; Easter Monday; May 23, National Labor Day; Aug. 5, Independence Day; Oct. 14, National Heroes' Day; and Dec. 25, Christmas Day.

## Industries

The main industries include bauxite mining, tourism, textiles, food processing, and light manufacturing.

## Languages

The languages of the country are English and Creole.

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for vessels over 50 tons, except yachts and coastal vessels, in all parts of the island.

## Time Zone

The Time Zone description is ROMEO (+5).

## U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Jamaica Mutual Life Center, 2 Oxford Road, 3rd floor, Kingston.

The mailing address is the same.